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**PATENT
MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Darwin J. Prockop et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1632
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Appln. No.:	09/695,769	: Examiner: Ram R. Shukla
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Filed:	January 20, 2000	: Attorney Docket
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For:	ISOLATION AND EXPANSION OF HUMAN MARROW STROMAL CELLS	: No.: 053844-5006 : (9598-101U2)

RESPONSE

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 (Paper No. 12) sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for Three Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Office Action to and through August 26, 2003. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination, and associated fee, pursuant to 35 CFR §1.114.